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SCSP and TSP
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

a. whether the Government allocates adequate funds under the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) in proportion to the population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country;

b. if so, the details thereof along with funds sanctioned/utilized/unspent under each plan during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

c. whether instances of alleged irregularities and violation of guidelines in implementation of the same by States/UTs including diversion of funds have been reported during the some period, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

d. whether there is any proposal to bring an effective legislation on SCSP and TSP for effective gap filling in the development indices between the members of SC/ST community and the rest of the society and if so, the details thereof; and

e. the details of proper mechanism put in place for effective monitoring of the SCSP and TSP?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
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RAO INDERJIT SINGH

(a) Allocation of plan funds under Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) by Central Ministries/Departments and States/UTs are guided by the guidelines issued by the Government from time to time, which require the respective Government to allocate funds for SCSP and TSP in proportion to the population of SCs and STs, respectively.

(b) The details of the funds under SCSP and TSP during last three years and current year for Central Ministries/Department are available in the Statement 21 and 21-A of Expenditure Budget Volume-I. Details for States/UTs are placed at Annexure I & II for SCSP and TSP, respectively.

(c) It may be seen from Annexure-I & II that funds were not being allocated for SCSP and TSP by some States in-proportion to population share of SCs & STs. Earmarked funds are also not utilized entirely. In such instances, States have been advised from time to time to strictly follow the guidelines for implementation of SCSP & TSP. The revised guidelines for the States on implementation of SCSP and TSP were last issued to States /UTs on 18th June, 2014, reiterating proper implementation of SCSP and TSP.

(d) With the establishment of NITI Aayog, in place of erstwhile Planning Commission, this responsibility primarily rests with concerned Ministries i.e. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment & Ministry of Tribal Affairs respectively for SCSP & TSP.

(e) Additional guidelines issued on 11th February, 2014 to Central Ministries/Departments and revised guidelines issued on 18th June 2014 to States/UTs envisage creation of proper institutional mechanism for monitoring the implementation of SCSP and TSP. Ministries in the Centre i.e. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs and SC/ST Welfare Departments in the States/UTs are empowered to act as nodal agencies for implementation of SCSP and TSP. NITI Aayog, is also tasked with monitoring and review of development schemes and programmes.